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SUBJECT/CHINA STARS SONG ENSEMBLE

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1. DCM CALLED ON VICE MINISTER TSAI WEI-PING JUNE 20 TO REQUEST GROC DELAY DEPARTURE OF CHINA STARS GROUP SO THEY WOULD ARRIVE US AFTER JULY 15. NOTING WU SHU GROUP HAD BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED AND REPORTED TO GROC IN ADVANCE, HE SAID GROC AWARE WE WISHED TO AVOID PRESENCE OF ROC GROUP IN US AT SAME TIME AS OFFICIALLY SPONSORED PRC GROUP. DCM EMPHASIZED IF NOT HANDLED PROPERLY THIS PROBLEM COULD DEVELOP INTO MAJOR ISSUE WHICH COULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON ROC CULTURAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN US, AND ON ABILITY AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ROC TO ASSIST THEM ON THESE MATTERS. HE STATED US INTERESTED IN END RESULT AND WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE MATTER SO THAT LEGAL ACTION NOT INVOLVED SINCE THIS PROBABLY WOULD RESULT IN PUBLICITY NOT IN INTERESTS OF ROC OR US.

2. VICE MINISTER TSAI REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH CHINA SONG GROUP AND COULD NOT GIVE A DEFINITE ANSWER AT THIS TIME. HE WENT ON TO REITERATE PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION CONCERNING PROBLEMS CONTROLLING COMMERCIAL GROUPS REPORTED

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3. TSAI CALLED BACK SUBSEQUENTLY TO EXPLAIN
DIFFICULTIES GROG FACED, PARTICULARLY FACT THAT PASSPORTS ALREADY
ISSUED AND THAT CONGRESSMAN JACK MURPHY OF NEW YORK HAS
BEEN PRESSING FOR APPROVAL. TSAI EXPLAINED
GROC HAD LONG DELAYED EXIT APPROVAL FOR CHINA
SONG GROUP BECAUSE IT WAS OF SUCH MEDIOCRE QUALITY.
IF CONGRESSMEN COULD BE PACIFIED (PERHAPS WITH
DEPARTMENT HELP) TSAI INDICATED (CAUTIOUSLY)
GROC MIGHT BE WILLING TO DELAY GROUP DEPARTURE.
HE PROMISED FURTHER REPLY IN DAY OR TWO.
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